

EXTENSION OF RUBBER DISPOSAL COMMISSION

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Mr. VINSON, from the Committee on Armed Services, submitted the following

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[To accompany H. R. 11878]

The Committee on Armed Services, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11878) to extend the date upon which the Rubber Disposal Commission will terminate, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to extend the life of the Rubber Disposal Commission until July 1, 1957, which would otherwise expire on September 23, 1956.

In the event the proposed legislation is enacted, the date upon which the Rubber Disposal Commission will terminate will be extended to July 1, 1957.

During this period, the Commission will have the authority to further consider the leasing of the alcohol butadiene facility located at Louisville, Ky.

In the event the proposed legislation is not enacted, the authority to enter into a new lease or extend the present lease now in effect which expires on April 4, 1958, will terminate on September 23, 1956, and there would be no further authority on the part of the Commission to negotiate for a new lease or a lease extension.

Thus enactment of the proposed legislation will keep in effect section 4 of Public Law 433 of the 84th Congress which authorizes the Commission to enter into a new lease or extend the present lease if no sale is effected. Since the House of Representatives has rejected the proposed sale on the recommendation of the Attorney General and the Comptroller General, and no further sale may be considered under present law, the Committee on Armed Services believes it would be advisable to extend the life of the Commission so that the Commission may have further time to consider a new lease for a period of not less than 5 nor more than 15 years. Likewise, if the Commission is not able to enter into a satisfactory lease, which would have to be reported

to the Congress and would be subject to the same action of approval or disapproval as was applicable to the other facilities disposed of by the Commission, the Committee on Armed Services is confident that the Commission will not hesitate to make recommendations for new legislation authorizing further action with regard to the disposal of the Louisville facility.

Thus, if no new lease is entered into and submitted to the Congress for approval, the Committee on Armed Services will expect the Commission to submit recommendations to the committee with respect to further action concerning possible disposal. Any new recommendations could be submitted to the new Congress early in 1957 and there would be ample time on the part of the Congress to consider such new legislation including less restrictive criteria for the possible sale of the facility. The present lease does not expire until April 4, 1958.

During the hearings on the proposed legislation, testimony was received from representatives of the Office of Defense Mobilization, Department of the Interior, Department of Defense, and the Rubber Disposal Commission.

The Committee on Armed Services recommends enactment of the proposed legislation.

